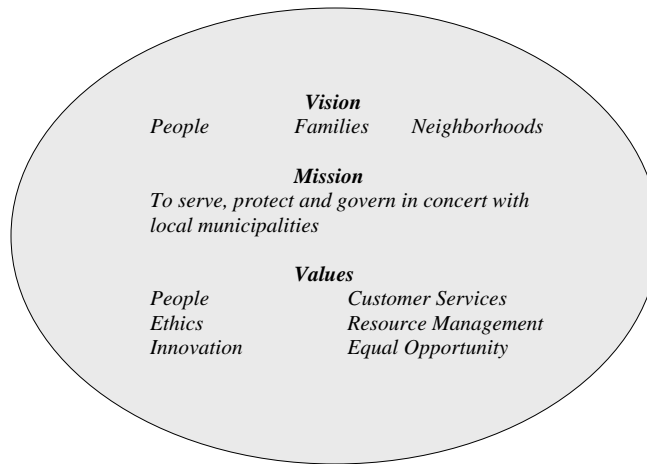




FULTON COUNTY



**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
INVITATION to BID NO. 06ITB47484YA-AA**

Natural Gas Service Provider

FOR

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RFP DUE TIME AND DATE: 11:00 A.M., November 3, 2005
PURCHASING CONTACT: ALONZO ARNOLD at (404) 730-4215
E-MAIL: Alonzo.Arnold@co.fulton.ga.us

LOCATION: FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
130 PEACHTREE STREET, S.W., SUITE 1168
ATLANTA, GA 30303

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INVITATION TO BID

NATURAL GAS SERVICE PROVIDER

Purpose:

Fulton County (County) is soliciting bids from qualified bidders and certified marketers to provide natural gas to Fulton County facilities for the General Services Department from date of award and continuing for twelve (12) consecutive months.

Description of Project:

To provide natural gas services to one (1) interruptible natural gas account (Fulton County Jail only) and one hundred and seventy-five firm accounts (Fulton County facilities) for the General Services Department.

Scope of Work Summary:

Pursuant to the Georgia Natural Gas competition and deregulation act of 1997 (Senate Bill 215), certified firms and marketers to provide natural gas to one (1) interruptible natural gas account (Fulton County Jail only) and approximately one hundred and seventy-five (175) firm natural gas accounts (Fulton County facilities) (including at least two accounts where the natural gas is being compressed and used to fuel vehicles).

Purchasing the Bid Document:

This document and supporting documents can be downloaded at the Fulton County Website, <http://www.co.fulton.ga.us/> under "Bid Opportunities".

Term of Contract:

The term of the contract shall be for one (1) year with two (2) one (1) year renewal options subject to availability of funding, performance of the Contractor and approval of the Board of Commissioners (BOC).

No Contact Provision

It is the policy of Fulton County that the evaluation and award process for County contracts shall be free from both actual and perceived impropriety, and that contacts between potential vendors and County officials, elected officials and staff regarding pending awards of County contracts shall be prohibited.

- A. No person, firm, or business entity, however situated or composed, obtaining a copy of or responding to this solicitation, shall initiate or continue any verbal or written communication regarding this solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative, between the date of the issuance of this solicitation and the date of the County Manager's recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for award of the subject contract, except as may otherwise be specifically authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation.

- B. All verbal and written communications initiated by such person, firm, or entity regarding this solicitation, if same are authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation, shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.
- C. Any violation of this prohibition of the initiation or continuation of verbal or written communications with County officers, elected officials, employees, or designated County representatives shall result in a written finding by the Purchasing Agent that the submitted Bid or proposal of the person, firm, or entity in violation is “non-responsive”, and same shall not be considered for award.

Bid Contact

Information regarding the bid, either procedural or technical, may be obtained by contacting Alonzo Arnold, Assistant Purchasing Agent, alonzo.arnold@co.fulton.ga.us, at (404) 730-4215 Fulton County Department of Purchasing. Information regarding the bid requirements may be obtained by using the following procedure. Inquiries must be submitted in writing to;

Fulton County Purchasing Department
Attn: Alonzo Arnold, Assistant Purchasing Agent
130 Peachtree Street, S.W. Suite 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 730-4215
Fax: (404) 224-1034
Reference Bid # 06ITB47484YA-AA Natural Gas Service Provider

Basis of Award

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to a single vendor who is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of bid opening except as permitted by O.C.G.A., §36-91-41 et seq., as amended.

Any award made as a result of this bid will be from date purchase order is issued and continue for twelve (12) consecutive months. Fulton County reserves the right to award this bid in whole or in part to one or several bidders and the right to cancel any award made at any time with thirty (30) day notice.

Renewal: Any award made as a result of this bid will be from the date of award and continuing for (12) twelve consecutive months. Fulton County reserves the right to renew this contract for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods pending availability of department funding as well as compliance with county rules/policies, contract terms/conditions, and satisfactory contractor performance. Option year price increases shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor with particular reference to the average shown on such index for “all items” for the Atlanta metropolitan area.

The bidder shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variation from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this bid. This sheet shall be labeled “Exceptions to Bid Conditions” and shall be attached to said bid.

Fulton County will have a minimum of ninety (90) days to process an award at the prices quoted. Issuance of a purchase order will bind the bid prices for the stated duration of the award.

The successful bidder will comply with all lawful agreement, if any, which the said successful bidder has made with any association, union, or other entity with respect to wages, salaries and working conditions as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppages.

Remarks or Exceptions:

SECTION 1

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A. **Contract Documents**

The Contract Documents include the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders, Contractor's Bid (including all documentation accompanying the Bid and any post-Bid documentation required by the County prior to the Notice of Award), Bonds, all Special Conditions, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Specifications, Drawings and addenda, together with written amendments, change orders, field orders and the Construction Manager's written interpretations and clarifications issued in accordance with the General Conditions on or after the date of the Contract Agreement. Shop drawing submittals reviewed in accordance with the General Conditions, geotechnical investigations and soils report and drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface structures at or contiguous to the site are not Contract Documents. The Contract Documents shall define and describe the complete work to which they relate.

- B. **Definitions:** Where the following words or the pronouns used in their stead occur herein, they shall have the following meaning. If a conflict exists as to the meaning of a word, the definition existing in the General Conditions, if present, shall govern.

Addendum - a written or graphic change to the contract documents issued prior to bid opening which becomes a part of the specifications for the project.

As Needed - Whenever needed as determined by staff.

Award - approval by the Board of Commissioners, to begin the contracting process with the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder.

Brand name or equal specification – means a specification limited to one or more items by manufacturer's names or catalogue numbers to describe the standard of quality, performance and other salient characteristics needed to meet County requirements and which provides for the submission of equivalent products from any manufacturer.

CA -Contract Administrator

County - "County" shall mean the Fulton , Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and shall include all agencies, establishments or officials of the government of the .

Contract - all types of agreements, including purchase orders, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of supplies, services, construction, professional or consultant services, and for the transfers of interest in real property.

Firm Accounts - is defined as an end user in which natural gas is the only energy source for the particular application (heating, hot water, cooking, etc.) and there exists no alternative. Firm accounts are never interrupted except in emergencies.

Invitation to bid (06ITB4748YA-AA) - all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized for soliciting sealed bids.

Invoice - the document provided by vendors to the County as a demand for payment of goods or services provided under the provisions of a contract awarded by the County.

Interruptible Account - is defined as an account in which natural gas is the primary fuel but there exists a secondary fuel if the natural gas is not used. Interruptible accounts may be interrupted during the months of November to March. Interruptions are a function of a fixed amount of natural gas delivered when pipelines are full and cannot meet the demands of the customers at the end of the pipeline during cold weather due to increased usage.

Monthly: The task will be performed once each month. If required more than once per month (but less frequently than every week) indicate number of times per month. (e.g. "2 x Monthly" or "2/Month" if task is to be done twice a month.

NA - Not Applicable

Notice To Proceed - a written notice to the Contractor to begin the actual contract work, stating, if applicable, the date on which the contract time begins.

Quarterly - The task will be performed once during every three-month period.

Responsible bidder or responsible offeror – means a person or entity that has the capability in all respects to perform fully and reliably the contract requirements.

Responsive bidder or responsive offeror - means a person or entity that has submitted a bid or proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids or request for proposals.

Scope of work - means the work that is required by the contract documents.

Service - the furnishings of labor, time or effort by a contractor, not involving the delivery of a specific end product other than reports which are merely incidental to the required performance. This term does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.

Shall - denotes imperative.

Subcontractor – any person undertaking part of the work of a contract under the control of the principal contractor.

Substantial completion - the date when construction is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the contract documents, so the County can occupy or utilize the work or designated portion thereof for the use for which it is intended.

Surety - the corporation, partnership, or individual licensed and authorized to do business in the state of Georgia, other than the contractor, executing payment, performance or bid bonds to be furnished to the County by the contractor.

Weekly - The task will be performed once each week. If required more than one time per week (but less than daily) indicate number of times. (e.g. "2 x Weekly" or "2/Week" if task is to be done twice a week. If task will be done on specific day(s) of week, this will be detailed in the final work schedule as agreed with the Contract Administrator.

Yearly - The task is to be performed once during the contract year at time to be agreed with by the Contract Administrator. ("2 x Yearly" would mean semi-annually. "3/Year" would mean every four months.)

- C. **Bidder's Modification and Withdrawal of Bids:** A Bidder may modify or withdraw its bid by written request, provided that the request is received by the County prior to the bid due date and time at the address to which bids are to be submitted. Provided further, that in case of an electronic request (i.e. facsimile, e-mail, etc.) a written confirmation thereof over the authorized signature of the Bidder must be received by the County at the address to which original Bids are to be submitted within three (3) calendar days after issue of the electronic message. Following withdrawal of its bid, the Bidder may submit a new, providing delivery is affected prior to the established bid opening date and time. **No bid may be withdrawn after bid due date for sixty (60) calendar days.**
- D. **Addenda and Interpretations:** No interpretations of the meaning of the Drawings, Specifications or other pre-bid documents will be made to any Bidder orally. Bidders requiring clarification or interpretation of the Bidding Documents shall make a request to Alonzo Arnold, Assistant Purchasing Agent no later than 5:00 PM Tuesday October 25 2005. Written requests for clarification or interpretation may be mailed, hand delivered, e-mailed or faxed to the Assistant Purchasing Agent at the address below, e-mail address or fax number. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.

Alonzo Arnold, Assistant Purchasing Agent
Department of Purchasing
Fulton County Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., 1168
Atlanta, GA 30303
Fax: (404) 893-1724
alonzo.arnold@co.fulton.ga.us

Only communications from firms that are in writing and signed will be recognized by the County as duly authorized expressions on behalf of proposers/bidders. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications which, and if any addenda are issued to this Invitation to Bid.

- E. **Site Examination:** There will be no site visit for this project. However, bidders are encourage to visit the route of the reuse main design drawing on their own.

Bid: All Bids must be made on the Bid forms contained herein. The Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to Department of Purchasing, Fulton County Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168 Atlanta, Georgia 30303 and labeled "Bid for ITB-06ITB47484YA-AA Natural Gas Service Provider

REQUIRED SUBMITTALS: The bidder **must complete and execute** the following:

1. Bid Form
2. Bid Schedule
3. Bid Bond
4. Certification of Acceptance of Bid/Proposal Requirements
5. Corporate or Partnership Certificate
6. Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder
7. Non-Collusion Affidavit of Subcontractor
8. Contract Compliance Forms, fully executed

- a. Promise of Non-Discrimination (Exhibit A)
- b. Employment Report (Exhibit B)
- c. Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization (Exhibit C)
- d. Letter of Intent to Perform As a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services (Exhibit D)
- e. Declaration Regarding subcontractor Practices (Exhibit E)
- f. Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit (Exhibit F)
- g. Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan

Any bids received after the stated time and date shall not be considered. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to have his/her bid delivered to the Fulton County Department of Purchasing for receipt on or before the stated time and date (section 00020). If a bid is sent by U.S. Mail, the bidder shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Purchasing Department. Bids delayed by mail will not be considered, shall not be opened, and arrangements shall be made for their return at the bidder's request and expense.

The original signed bid with three (3) copies shall be submitted in a sealed package, clearly marked on the outside "Bid" for the **06ITB47484YA-AA Natural Gas Service Provider**.

Bid shall be publicly opened, with only the names and total bid price of the bidders disclosed at the opening.

F. Bid and Contract Security: A five percent (5%) Bid Bond is required for this project.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in an amount of five percent (5%) of the TOTAL AMOUNT of the base bid. The bid bond or certified check shall apply **ONLY TO THIS BID**. The bid name and contract number must appear on the security instrument. The bond must remain in full force and effect until the Bidder executes the final Contract. Bids not satisfying the bonding requirements of this project will be declared non-responsive.

Any bid bond, performance bond, payment bond, or security deposit required for public works construction contract shall be approved and filed with purchasing agent. At the option of the County, if the surety named in the bond is other than a surety company authorized by law to do business in this state pursuant to a current certificate of authority to transact surety business by the Commissioner of Insurance, such bond shall not be approved and filed unless such surety is on the United States Department of Treasury's list of approved bond sureties.

A Purchasing Agent shall approve as to form and as to the solvency of the surety any bid bond, performance bond, or payment bond required by this. In the case of a bid bond, such approval shall be obtained prior to acceptance of the bid or proposal. In the case of payment bonds and performance bonds, such approval shall be obtained prior to the execution of the contract.

Whenever, in the judgment of the County:

- (1) Any surety on a bid, performance, or payment bond has become insolvent;
- (2) Any corporation surety is not longer certified or approved by the Commissioner of Insurance to do business in the state; or
- (3) For any cause there are no longer proper or sufficient sureties on any or all the bonds

The County may require the contractor to strengthen any or all of the bonds or to furnish a new or additional bond or bonds within ten days. Thereupon, if so ordered by the County, all work on the contract shall cease unless such new or additional bond or bonds are furnished. If such bond or bonds are not furnished within such time, the County may terminate the contract and complete the same as the agent of and at the expense of the contractor and his or her sureties.

As a condition of responsiveness the bidder must contain a Bid Bond for an amount equal to 5% of the bid amount. The Bid Bond shall be included in a separate envelope marked on the outside "Bid Bond". Checks or letters of credit of any type will not be accepted. A certified cashier's check will be acceptable. Provide a completed and fully executed Bid Bond. When the bidder's package is opened, a purchasing agent will verify the presence of the Bid Bond and remove it from the Proposal Package.

If the bidder withdraws its bid from the competition after the selection of its bid for a reason not authorized by Georgia law, the County will proceed on the Bid Bond, along with any other available remedies.

The Surety of the Bid Bond shall be from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, shall be listed in the Department of Treasury Circular 570, and shall have an underwriting limitation in excess of 100% of the bid amount. The Bonds and Surety shall be subject to approval by the County Attorney.

Attorneys-in-fact for bidders who sign bid bonds or contract bonds must file with each bond a certified and effectively dated copy of their power of attorney.

- G. **Right to Reject Bids:** The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. No bids will be received after the time set for opening bids. Any unauthorized conditions, limitations or provisions attached to the Bid, except as provided herein, will render it informal and may cause its rejection. Unbalanced bids will be subject to rejection. Any bidder may withdraw his/her bid, either personally or by telegraphic or written request, at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids. Telegraphic or written requests for withdrawal must be in the possession of the County prior to the closing time for receipt of bids.
- H. **Applicable Laws:** All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Georgia and ordinances and regulations of Fulton County shall apply. Protestors shall seek resolution of their complaints in the manner provided in the Fulton County Code of Laws §2-324, which is incorporated by reference herein.
- I. **Examination of Contract Documents:** Prospective bidders shall examine the contract documents and before submitting a bid, shall make a written request to the County for an interpretation or correction of any ambiguity, in consistency or error therein which could be discovered by a bidder. At the bid opening each bidder shall be presumed to have read and be familiar with the contract documents.
- J. **Termination:** The County may terminate the contract resulting from this solicitation at any time the vendor fails to carry out the contract provisions, if in the opinion of the County, the performance of the contract is unreasonably delayed, or the vendor is in direct violation of the contract conditions. The County shall provide the vendor with notice of any conditions which violate or endanger the performance of the contract and, if after such notice the contractor fails to remedy such conditions within thirty (30) days, to the satisfaction of the County, the County may exercise their option in writing to terminate the Contract without further notice to the Contractor and order the Contractor to stop work immediately and

vacate the premises. Vendor agrees by its bid submission that the County's decision is final and valid.

- K. **Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement:** The successful contractor will agree to indemnify, save harmless and defend the County, its agents, servants, and employees from all lawsuits, claims, demands, liabilities, losses and expenses for or on account of any injury or loss in connection with the work performed under this contract: Provided, however the Contractor shall not be liable for any damages resulting for the sole negligent or intentional acts or omission of the County and its employees, agents or representatives.
- L. **Bid Opening:** Bids will be opened in public and read aloud. All bidders are requested to be present at the opening.
- M. **Determination of Successful Bidder:** Fulton County desires to complete this work in a timely manner. The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder(s), if awarded.
- 1) **Responsibility:** The determination of the bidder's responsibility will be made by the County based on whether the bidder meets the following minimum requirements:
 - a) The County reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, the bidder fails to satisfy the County that he/she is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract.
 - b) Maintains a permanent place of business individually or in conjunction with the prime contractor.
 - c) Has the appropriate and adequate technical experience. Designated Project Manager must be proficient in all aspects of contracted work.
 - d) Has adequate personnel and equipment to do the work expeditiously.
 - e) Has suitable financial means to meet obligations incidental to the work.
 - 2) **Responsiveness:** The determination of responsiveness will be made by the County based on a consideration of whether the bidder has submitted a complete Bid form without irregularities, excisions, special conditions, or alternative bids for any item unless specifically requested in the Bid form.
- N. **Wage Clause:** Pursuant to 102-391, Each Contractor shall agree that in the performance of the Contract he will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Contractor had made with any association, union, or other entity, with respect to wages, salaries, and working conditions, so as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppage.
- O. **Notice of Award of Contract:** As soon as possible, and within sixty (60) days after receipt of bids, the County shall notify the successful Bidder of the Award of Contract.

The award shall be made by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder(s) as soon as possible after receipt of bids, taking into consideration price and the responsiveness to the requirements set forth in the Invitation for Bid. In such case, no claim shall be made by the selected Contractor(s) for loss of profit if the contract is not awarded or awarded for less work than is indicated and for less than the amount of his bid. The total of the awarded contract shall not exceed the available funds allocated for this project.

Should the County require additional time to award the contract, the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the County and the successful bidder. If an Award of Contract has not been made within sixty (60) days from the bid date or within the

extension mutually agreed upon, the Bidder may withdraw the Bid without further liability on the part of either party.

Any award made by the Board of Commissioners as a result of this bid will begin from the date of the notice to proceed. The Bidder agrees hereby to commence work under this Contract, with adequate personnel and equipment, on a date to be specified in a written order of the Program Manager. The contract shall become effective on the Contract Date and shall continue in effect until the end of the term of the contract or until the project has been closed-out by the Program Manager unless earlier terminated pursuant to the termination provisions of the contract.

- P. **Execution of Contract Documents:** Upon notification of Award of Contract, the County shall furnish the Contractor the conformed copies of Contract Documents for execution by the Contractor and Contractor's surety.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt the Contractor shall return all the documents properly executed by the Contractor and the Contractor's surety. Attached to each document shall be an original power-of-attorney for the person executing the bonds for the surety and certificates of insurance for the required insurance coverage.

After receipt of the documents executed by the Contractor and his surety with the power-of-attorney and certificates of insurance, the County shall complete the execution of the documents. Distribution of the completed documents will be made upon completion.

Should the contractor and/or surety fail to execute the documents within the time specified, the County shall have the right to proceed on the Bid Bond accompanying the bid.

If the County fails to execute the documents within the time limit specified, the Contractor shall have the right to withdraw the Contractor's bid without penalty.

Should an extension of any of the time limits stated above be required, this shall be done only by mutual agreement between both parties.

Any agreement or contract resulting from the acceptance of a bid shall be on a County approved document form. The County reserves the right to reject any agreement that does not conform to the Invitation for Bid and any County requirements for agreements and contracts. The County reserves the right to modify the agreement resulting from this bid upon the recommendation of the County Attorney.

- Q. **Joint Venture** Any Bidder intending to respond to this solicitation as a joint venture must submit an executed joint venture agreement with its offer. The agreement must designate those persons or entities authorized to execute documents or otherwise bind the joint venture in all transactions with Fulton County, or be accompanied by a document, binding upon the joint venture and its constituent members, making such designation. Offers from joint ventures that do not include these documents will be rejected as being non-responsive.

- R. **Contractors Compliance With All Assurances And/Or Promises Made In Response To Procurement:** Should any Bidder submit a response to the County promising to provide a certain level of service for either the scope of work, MFBE participation, or any other matter, including where such promise or assurance is greater than what is required by the procurement documents, and should this response containing the promise or assurance be accepted by the County and made a part of the Contract Documents, then

this degree or level of service promised by the bidder relating to the scope of work, MFBE participation, or other matter shall be considered to be a material part of the Agreement between the bidder and the County, such that the bidder's failure to provide the agreed upon degree or level of service or participation shall be a material breach of the Agreement giving the County just cause to terminate the Agreement for cause, pursuant to the General Conditions of the Agreement.

- S. **Availability Of Funding:** Any award of work, contract, or service for any portion of the 06ITB47484YA-AA Natural Gas Service Provider will be conditional and subject to Fulton County obtaining financing through the issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds where the proceeds from such bonds are in an amount sufficient to fund the 06ITB47484YA-AA Natural Gas Service Provider conditional award will not be in effect until Fulton County has been successful in raising the required funds for payment of the 06ITB47484YA Natural Gas Service Provider . If it proves impossible for Fulton County to raise the required funds, the conditional award will be cancelled by Fulton County without any recourse by the responding entity. The submittal of a bid in response to any phase of the procurement for the 06OTB47484YA-AA Natural Gas Service Provider as acceptance of this condition by the entity responding to the procurement. Without waiving any of the conditions contained herein, and solely for informational purposes, please be aware that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners has taken legislative action authorizing the Fulton County Director of Finance to procure the services of the various professionals that will assist in obtaining the bond proceeds, and it is anticipated that the funding will be in place by the second or third quarter of 2005.

FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

**BID GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
06ITB47484YA-AA
NATURAL GAS SERVICE PROVIDER**

The following information pertains to the submission of a Bid to Fulton County, and contains instructions on how Bids must be presented in order to be considered. Listed below are the requirements for all Bidders interested in doing business with Fulton County.

1. The Bid sheets included in this Invitation to Bid ("Bid") must be fully completed and returned with the Bid unless otherwise specified in writing by the Purchasing Department. Type or neatly print the date, company name, and the full legal name and title of the person(s) signing the Bid in the place provided at the bottom of each Bid sheet. Any additional sheets submitted must contain the same signature and Bidder information.
2. Original signature(s) must appear on each page of the Bid document. All signatures must be executed by person(s) having contracting authority for the Bidder.
3. Absolutely no fax Bids or reproduction Bids will be accepted, except that photocopies may be submitted in addition to the original when multiple copies of the Bid are specifically requested in the solicitation.
4. The envelope in which the Bid response is submitted must be sealed and clearly labeled with the Bid number, project title, due date and time, and the name of the company or individual submitting the proposal. Bids must be received by the opening date and time shown on this Bid in order to be considered. The Purchasing Agent has no obligation to consider Bids which are not in properly marked envelopes. Contract Compliance submittals shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope or package.
5. The original and the required number of copies of the Bid must be returned to:

Fulton County Purchasing Agent
Fulton County Purchasing Department
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Any inquiries, questions, clarifications or suggestions regarding this solicitation should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Contact Person. Contact with any other County personnel in regard to a current solicitation is strictly prohibited in accordance with Fulton County "No Contact" policy outlined in Section 35.

6. Show information and prices in the format requested. Prices are to be quoted F.O.B. Destination, and must include all costs chargeable to the Contractor executing the Contract, including taxes. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, Fulton County shall have no liability for any cost not included in the price. The Contractor shall provide Fulton County the benefit through a reduction in price of any decrease in the Contractor's costs by reason of any tax exemption based upon Fulton County's status as a tax-exempt entity.

7. All prices Bid must be audited by the Bidder to ensure correctness before the Bid is submitted. The Bidder is solely responsible for the accuracy of information placed on a Bid sheet, including prices. Clerical or mathematical error is insufficient to void a successful Bid but a Bidder may withdraw a sealed Bid prior to opening without a penalty.
8. All prices must be submitted in the format requested and less all trade discounts. When multiple items are being Bid, Bidder must show both the unit price and the total extended price for each item. When applicable, the Bidder must include an additional lump sum Bid for groups or items. In the event a Bidder is offering an additional discount on groups of items, Bidder must indicate the total lump sum Bid for the particular group of items before any extra discount, the amount of extra discount, and the net total for the particular group. In the event of an extension error, unit pricing shall prevail.
9. By submitting a signed Bid, Bidder agrees to accept an award made as a result of that Bid under the terms and conditions spelled out in the Bid documents. In the event of a conflict between the different Bid documents, the County's cover Contract (if used) shall have precedence, followed in order by the Invitation to Bid, Purchase Order, Bid, Contractor's Warranty Agreement, Maintenance Agreement, and/or other Contractor provided agreements.
10. A Bidder may submit only one (1) Bid response for each specific Bid solicitation unless otherwise authorized in the specifications.
11. All prices submitted by the Bidder to Fulton County must be guaranteed by the authorized person(s) against any price increase for the time period designated in the Bid specifications, and Fulton County must be given the benefit of any price decrease occurring during such designated time period.
12. All items Bid must be new. Used, rebuilt and refurbished items will not be considered unless specifically authorized by Fulton County in the written specifications.
13. All Bidders must specify in the Bid response the earliest actual delivery date for each item unless otherwise specified in writing by Fulton County. The delivery date may be a factor in deciding the Bidder's capability to perform.
14. A successful Bidder's delivery ticket(s) and invoice(s) must list each item separately and must show Fulton County's purchase order number as well as the proper department and address to which delivery was made, as listed on the purchase order or in the Bidder's contract with Fulton County.
15. Unless clearly shown as "no substitute" or words to that effect, any items in this invitation to Bid which have been identified, described or referenced by a brand name or trade name are for reference only. Such identification is intended to be descriptive but not restrictive, and is to indicate the general quality and characteristics of products that may be offered. Each item Bid must be individually identified as to whether it is a specified item or an equivalent item by typing or printing after the item(s): The brand name; model or manufacturer's number, or identification regularly used in the trade. Deviations from the specifications must be clearly and fully listed on the Bid sheet, including photographs or cuts, specifications, and dimensions of the proposed "alternate". Fulton County is the sole judge of "exact equivalent", or "alternate". The factors to be considered are: function, design, materials, construction, workmanship, finishes, operating features, overall quality,

- local service facilities, warranty terms and service, and other relevant features of item(s) Bid.
16. For all Bids, Fulton County reserves the right to request representative samples. If requested, samples must be delivered at the Bidder's cost within three (3) business days. Samples are submitted at the risk of the Bidder and may be subjected to destructive tests by Fulton County. Samples must be plainly tagged with Fulton County's Bid number, item name, manufacturer, and the name of the Bidder.
 17. Item(s) Bid must be complete and ready to operate. No obvious omissions of components or necessary parts shall be made even though the specifications may not detail or mention them. Unit(s) must be furnished with factory installed equipment and must be comparable with the basic form, fit, and functional requirements which are all to be included in the base price as well as any other equipment included as standard by the manufacturer or generally provided to the buying public.
 18. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for all item(s) damaged prior to F.O.B. Destination delivery and agree to hold harmless Fulton County of all responsibility for prosecuting damage claims.
 19. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods within thirty (30) days of notice by Fulton County of such defect or damage.
 20. All successful Bidders must assume full responsibility for providing or ensuring warranty service on any and all items including goods, materials, or equipment provided to the County with warranty coverage. If a successful Bidder is not the manufacturer, all manufacturers' warranties must be passed through to Fulton County. The Bidder and not Fulton County is responsible for contacting the manufacturer of the warranty service provided during the warranty period and supervising the completion of the warranty service to the satisfaction of Fulton County.
 21. As a successful Bidder providing any equipment which requires fitting and assembly, the Bidder shall be solely responsible for such installation being performed by a manufacturer's authorized or approved servicer or an experienced worker, utilizing workmanship of the highest caliber. The Bidder must verify all dimensions at the site, shall be responsible for their correctness, and shall be responsible for the availability of replacement parts when specified in writing by Fulton County in the specifications, purchase order, or other contract.
 22. A successful Bidder is solely responsible for disposing of all wrappings, crating, and other disposable material upon deliver of item(s).
 23. All Bidders are required to be authorized distributors or regularly engaged in the sale or distribution of the type of goods, materials, equipment or services for which the Bidder is submitting a Bid response in addition, all Bidders are required to provide Fulton County with three (3) written references documenting the successful completion of Bids or contracts for the types of items including goods, materials, equipment, or services for which the Bidder is submitting a Bid response. In instances where a Bidder has never supplied such goods, material, equipment, or services before, the Bidder must submit with the Bid response a statement and supporting documentation demonstrating such expertise, knowledge, or experience to establish the Bidder as a responsible Bidder, capable of meeting the Bid

requirements should an award be made. No exceptions to this provision will be made unless authorized in the Bid specifications.

24. Bidders may be required to furnish evidence that they maintain permanent places of business of a type and nature compatible with their Bid proposal, and are in all respects competent and eligible vendors to fulfill the terms of the specifications. Fulton County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to perform such work, and reserves the right to reject any Bidder if evidence fails to indicate that the Bidder is qualified to carry out the obligation of the Contract and to complete the work satisfactorily.
25. All Bidders must comply with all Fulton County Purchasing laws, policies, and procedures, non-discrimination in contracting and procurement ordinances, and relevant state and federal laws including but not limited to compliance with EEOC hiring guidelines and requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Successful Bidder must obtain all permits, licenses, and inspections as required and furnish all labor, materials, insurance, equipment, tools, supervision, and incidentals necessary to accomplish the work in these specifications.
26. If a successful Bidder is unable or unwilling to enter into a Contract with Fulton County subsequent to being granted an award, or who fails to perform in accordance with the Bid specifications the Bidder will be subject to damages and all other relief allowed by law.
27. Successful Bidders contract directly with Fulton County and are the party or parties obligated to perform. Contracts may not be assigned and any failure to perform the Contract in accordance with the specifications will constitute a breach of Contract and may result in a Bidder being found to be "non-responsive" in the future.
28. In case of default by the successful Bidder, Fulton County may procure the articles for services from another source and hold the successful Bidder responsible for any resulting excess cost.
29. The County may award any Bid in whole or in part to one or more vendors or reject all Bids and/or waive any technicalities if it is in the best interests of the County to do so. In the event that all Bids are not rejected, Bids for items including goods, materials, equipment, and services will be awarded to the lowest "responsible" Bidder(s) as determined by Fulton County. Submitting the lowest Bid, as published at the Bid opening, does not constitute an award or the mutual expectation of an award of a Contract and purchase order. For purposes of this notice and the attached Bid sheets, a purchase order is a Contract to provide items including goods, materials, equipment, and services and is intended to have the full force and effect of a Contract. A breach of the terms and conditions of a purchase order constitutes a breach of Contract.
30. Bids for projects that are solicited pursuant to the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq.) may withdrawn as follows:

Competitive sealed Bids ("Bid") may not be revoked or withdrawn until 60 days after the time set by the governmental entity for opening of Bids. At the end of this time period, the Bid will cease to be valid, unless the Bidder provides written notice to the County prior to the scheduled expiration date that the Bid will be extended for a time period specified by the County.

31. In the evaluation of the Bids, any award will be subject to the Bid being:
 - A. Compliant to the specification – meets form, fit, and function requirements stated or implied in the specification.
 - B. Lowest cost to the County over projected useful life.
 - C. Administratively Compliant – Including all required bonds, insurance, established quality of work and general reputation, financial responsibility, relevant experience, and related criteria.
32. All proposals and Bids submitted to Fulton County are subject to the Georgia “Open Records Act”, Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §50-18-70 et seq.
33. All proposals and Bids submitted to Fulton County involving Utility Contracting are subject to the Georgia law governing licensing of Utility Contractors, O.C.G.A. §43-14-8.2(h). The Utility Contractor License number of the person who will perform the utility work shall be written on the face of the Bid envelope.
34. The apparent silence of this specification, and any supplement thereto, as to details, of the omission from it of a detailed description concerning any point, will be regarded as meaning only the best commercial practices are to prevail. Only materials of the highest quality, correct type, size, and design are to be used. All interpretations of this specification will be made upon the basis of this statement, with Fulton County interpretation to prevail.
35. It is the policy of Fulton County that the evaluation and award process for County contracts shall be free from both actual and perceived impropriety, and that contacts between potential vendors and County officials, elected officials and staff regarding pending awards of County contracts shall be prohibited.
 - A. No person, firm, or business entity, however situated or composed, obtaining a copy of or responding to this solicitation, shall initiate or continue any verbal or written communication regarding this solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative, between the date of the issuance of this solicitation and the date of the County Manager’s recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for award of the subject contract, except as may otherwise be specifically authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
 - B. All verbal and written communications initiated by such person, firm, or entity regarding this solicitation, if same are authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation, shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.
 - C. Any violation of this prohibition of the initiation or continuation of verbal or written communications with County officers, elected officials, employees, or designated County representatives shall result in a written finding by the Purchasing Agent that the submitted Bid or proposal of the person, firm, or entity in violation is “non-responsive”, and same shall not be considered for award.

36. Any Bidder intending to respond to this solicitation as a Joint Venture must submit an executed Joint Venture Agreement with this Bid. This agreement must designate those persons or entities authorized to execute documents or otherwise bind the Joint Venture in all transactions with Fulton County, or are accompanied by a document, binding upon the Joint Venture and its constituent members, making such designation. Bids from Joint Ventures that do not include these documents will be rejected as being "non-responsive".
37. Any Bidder intending to respond to this solicitation must complete all of the Procurement Affidavit Forms provided in this solicitation. Bids that do not include these completed documents will be rejected as being "non-responsive".

END OF SECTION NO. 1

SECTION 2

BID FORM

06ITB47484YA-AA

NATURAL GAS SERVICES PROVIDER

Submitted Date Thursday November 3 2005.

The undersigned, as Bidder, hereby declares that the only person or persons interested in the Bid as principal or principals is or are named herein and that no other person than herein mentioned has any interest in this Bid or in the Contract to be entered into; that this Bid is made without connection with any other person, company or parties making a Bid; and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion or fraud.

The Bidder further declares that he has examined the site of the work and informed himself fully in regard to all conditions pertaining to the place where the work is to be done; that he has examined the Drawings and Specifications for the work and contractual documents relative thereto, and has read all instructions to Bidders and General Conditions furnished prior to the openings of bids; that he has satisfied himself relative to the work to be performed.

The Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to contract with the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, in the form of contract specified, to furnish all necessary materials, equipment, machinery, tools, apparatus, means of transportation and labor necessary, and to complete the construction of the work in full and complete accordance with the shown, noted, and reasonably intended requirements of the Specifications and Contract Documents to the full and entire satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia, with a definite understanding that no money will be allowed for extra work except as set forth in the attached General Conditions and Contract Documents for the following prices.

THE BASE BID IS THE AMOUNT UPON WHICH THE BIDDER WILL BE FORMALLY EVALUATED AND WHICH WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER.

The base bid may not be withdrawn or modified for a period of sixty (60) days following the receipt of bids.

BASE BID AMOUNT (Do not include any Bid Alternates)

\$ _____

(Dollar Amount in Numbers)

(Dollar Amount in Words)

The Bidder agrees hereby to commence work under this Contract, with adequate personnel and equipment, on a date to be specified in a written order of the Contracting Officer and to fully complete all work under this Contract within **One Hundred and Twenty (120)** consecutive calendar days from and including said date.

The Bidder declares that he understands that the quantities shown for the unit prices items are subject to either increase or decrease, and that should the quantities of any of the items of work be increased, the Bidder proposes to do the additional work at the unit prices stated herein; and should the quantities be decreased, the Bidder also understands that payment will be made on

the basis of actual quantities at the unit price bid and will make no claim for anticipated profits for any decrease in quantities; and that actual quantities will be determined upon completion of work, at which time adjustments will be made to the contract amount by direct increase or decrease.

The Bidder furthermore agrees that, in the case of a failure on his part to execute the Contract Agreement and Bonds within ten days after receipt of conformed contract documents for execution, the Bid Bond accompanying his bid and the monies payable thereon shall be paid into the funds of the Owner as liquidated damages for such failure.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda (list by the number and date appearing on each addendum) and thereby affirms that its Bid considers and incorporates any modifications to the originally issued Bidding Documents included therein.

ADDENDUM #	_____	DATED	_____
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ADDENDUM #	_____	DATED	_____
ADDENDUM #	_____	DATED	_____

BIDDER: _____

Signed by: _____
[Type or Print Name]

Title: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Bidder's Contractor License No: _____
[State/County]

License Expiration Date: _____

Enclosed is a Bid Bond in the approved form, in the sum of:

_____ Dollars

(\$_____) according to the conditions of "Instructions to Bidders" and provisions thereof.

SECTION 3

PURCHASING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS

This section contains the procurement forms that are required to be executed and submitted with the bid package. This section does not contain all forms required to be included with the bid package submittal.

To be deemed responsive to this ITB, Bidders must provide the information requested and complete in detail all Purchasing Forms. The appropriate individual(s) authorized to commit the Bidder to the Project must sign the Purchasing Forms. Bidders should reproduce each Purchasing Form, as required, and complete the appropriate portions of the forms provided in this section.

- Form A: Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Bidder
- Form B: Non-Collusion Affidavit of Sub-Contractors
- Form C: Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Bid Requirements
- Form D: Contractor License Certification (*not applicable*)
- Form E: Certification Regarding Debarment
- Form F: Corporate Certification

Form A

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF BIDDER/OFFEROR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 2-320 (11), this bid or proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid or proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.

Affiant further states that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-21 (d) and (e), _____ has not, by itself or with others, directly or indirectly, prevented or attempted to prevent competition in such bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. Affiant further states that (s)he has not prevented or endeavored to prevent anyone from making a bid or offer on the project by any means whatever, nor has Affiant caused or induced another to withdraw a bid or offer for the work.

Affiant further states that the said offer of _____ is bona fide, and that no one has gone to any supplier and attempted to get such person or company to furnish the materials to the bidder only, or if furnished to any other bidder, that the material shall be at a higher price.

(COMPANY NAME)

(PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 200__.

(SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY)

(Affix corporate seal here, if a corporation)

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

IF THE OFFEROR IS A PARTNERSHIP, ALL OF THE PARTNERS AND ANY OFFICER, AGENT, OR OTHER PERSON WHO MAY HAVE REPRESENTED OR ACTED FOR THEM IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL ALSO MAKE THIS OATH.

IF THE OFFEROR IS A CORPORATION, ALL OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ACTED FOR OR REPRESENTED THE CORPORATION IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL MAKE THE OATH.

Form B

NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF SUBCONTRACTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 2-320 (11), this bid or proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid or proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.

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Form C

FULTON COUNTY CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF BID/PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

This Is To Certify That On This Day Bidder/Proposer Acknowledges That He/She Has Read This Bid Document, Pages _____ To _____ Inclusive, Including Addendum(s) ____ To ____, And/Or Appendices ____ To ____, In Its Entirety, And Agrees That No Pages Or Parts Of The Document Have Been Omitted, That He/She Understands, Accepts And Agrees To Fully Comply With The Requirements Therein, And That The Undersigned Is Authorized By The Bidding/Proposing Company To Submit The Bid/Proposal Herein And To Legally Obligate The Bidder/Proposer Thereto.

Company: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(Corporate Seal)

Form D

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CERTIFICATION

Contractor's Name: _____

Utility Contractor's Name: _____

Expiration Date of License: _____

(ATTACHED COPY OF LICENSE)

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that the classification noted is applicable to the Bid for this Project.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Form E

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

- (1) The Offeror certifies that neither it or its subcontractors is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency. Any such exclusion may cause prohibition of your firm from participating in any procurement by the Fulton County Government.
- (1) If the Offeror is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Offeror or subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this certification, the Offeror is providing the certification set out below:

- (1) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed. If it is later determined that the prospective vendor knowingly rendered a false certification, the Purchasing Agent may pursue all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment, for withdrawal of award or termination of a contract.
- (2) The prospective Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Purchasing Agent if at anytime the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (3) Offeror shall be under a continuing duty to immediately inform the Purchasing Agent in writing of any changes, if as a result of such changes, the Offeror certification regarding debarment is affected.

DEBARMENT ORDINANCE

The following Section 2-322 of Fulton County Code of Laws establishes the procedure for the debarment of contractors.

(a) Authority to suspend.

After reasonable notice to the entity involved and reasonable opportunity for that entity to be heard, the Purchasing Agent, after consultation with user department, the County Manager and the County Attorney shall have the authority to suspend an entity for cause from consideration for award of county contracts. As used in this section, the term entity means any business entity, individual, firm, contractor, subcontractor or business corporation, partnership, limited liability corporation, firm, contractor, subcontractor or business structured; provided, further, that any such entity shall also be subject to suspension under this section if any of its constituents, members, subcontractors at any tier of such entity's and the entity, or any constituent or member, knew or should have known of the commission of the act. The suspension shall be for a period not to exceed three (3) years unless cause is based on a felony conviction for an offense related or associated with fraudulent contracting or misappropriation of funds wherein the suspension shall not exceed seven (7) years.

(b) Causes for Suspension. The causes for suspension include:

- 1) Conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtain or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in performance of such contract or

subcontract;

- 2) Conviction of state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously and directly affects responsibility as a county contractor.
- 3) Conviction of state or federal anti-trust statutes arising out of the solicitation and submission of bids and proposals;
- 4) Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Purchasing Agent to be so serious as to justify suspension action:
 - a. Failure to perform in accordance with the specifications within a time limit provided in a county contract;
 - b. A recent record of failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided, that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for suspension;
 - c. Material representation of the composition of the ownership or workforce or business entity certified to the county as a minority business enterprise; or
 - d. Falsification of any documents.
- 5) For violation of the ethical standards set forth in Fulton County Code Chapter 9, Code of Ethics.
- 6) Knowing misrepresentation to the county, of the use which a majority owned contractor intends to make a minority business enterprise (a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned and controlled by minority persons, as defined in Fulton County Code Chapter 6, Article B, Minority Business Enterprise Affirmative Action Program and certified as such by the County) as a subcontractor or a joint venture partner, in performing work under contract with the County.

Failure to fully and truthfully provide the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid/proposal from consideration or termination of the Contract, once awarded. This document must be completed and included as a part of the bid/proposal package along with other required documents.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification and all attachments hereto, if applicable, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and all statements contained hereto are true, correct, and complete.

On this _____ day of _____, 2005

(Legal Name of Offeror) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

Form F

CORPORATE CERTIFICATE

Corporations

I, _____, certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as Contractor in the foregoing Bid; that _____, who signed said Bid on behalf of the Contractor was then _____ of said Corporation; that said Bid was duly signed for and on behalf of said Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and is within the scope of its corporate powers; that said Corporation is organized under the laws of the State of _____.

This _____ day of _____, 20 ____ .

(SEAL) must be affixed

Partnership or other entities:

I, _____, certify that I am authorized to sign to commit _____ named as Contractor in the foregoing Bid. That said company is formed under the laws of the State of _____.

This _____ day of _____, 20 ____

It is necessary to attach a letter on company letterhead and dated on or after the date of this certificate that the individual signing to commit the partnership or other entity not a corporation to the stipulations of this bid is authorized to do so. The letter should be signed by an individual working for the company who has knowledge of this fact.

Form G

NON CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

I, _____, as the legal representative of _____, do certify that we will not perform any type of professional services for property owners adjacent or contiguous to any project assigned by Fulton County, during the active life of such project. Further, I additionally certify that if we already have an agreement(s) with property owner(s) adjacent or contiguous to a project assigned by Fulton County, we will either reject the County assignment, or cancel the property owner already in effect if so directed by Fulton County Board of Commissioners. In no case will our firm utilize our knowledge of the ongoing Fulton County project for professional gain during the active life of such Project.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

END OF SECTION NO. 3

SECTION 4

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

Policy Statement: It is the policy of Fulton County Government that discrimination against businesses by reason of the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business is prohibited. Furthermore, it is the policy of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") that Fulton County and all vendors and contractors doing business with Fulton County shall provide to all businesses the opportunity to participate in contracting and procurement paid, in whole or in part, with monetary appropriations of the Board. Similarly, it is the policy of the Board that the contracting and procurement practices of Fulton County should not implicate Fulton County as either an active or passive participant in the discriminatory practices engaged in by private contractors seeking to obtain contracts with Fulton County.

Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan): In addition to the proposal submission requirements, each vendor **must** submit an Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan) with their bid/proposal. The EBO Plan is designed to enhance the utilization of a particular racial, gender or ethnic group by a bidder/proposer, contractor, or vendor or by Fulton County. The respondent **must** outline a plan of action to encourage and achieve diversity and equality in the available procurement and contracting opportunities with *this solicitation*.

The EBO Plan **must** identify and include:

1. Potential opportunities within the scope of work of *this solicitation* that will allow for participation of racial, gender or ethnic groups.
2. Efforts that will be made by the bidder/proposer to encourage and solicit minority and female business utilization in this solicitation.

Fulton County encourages joint ventures, teaming, partnering and mentor-protégé relationships with minority and female businesses in an effort to achieve contracting and procurement diversity.

Prompt Payment: The prime contractor **must** certify in writing and **must** document on the Exhibit G Form (Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report) that all subcontractors, sub-consultants and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials, (less any retainage by the prime contractor prior to receipt of any further progress payments). In the event the prime contractor is unable to pay subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers until it has received a progress payment from Fulton County, the prime contractor shall pay all subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers funds due from said progress payments within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County. In no event shall a subcontractor, sub-consultant or supplier be paid later than fifteen (15) days as provided for by state law.

REQUIRED FORMS AND EBO PLAN:

In order to be compliant with the intent and provisions of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance (99-0960), bidders/proposers **must** submit the following completed documents. Failure to provide this information **shall** result in the bid/proposal being deemed non-responsive:

- **Exhibit A** - Promise of Non-Discrimination
- **Exhibit B** - Employment Report
- **Exhibit C** - Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization
- **Exhibit D** - Letter of Intent to Perform As a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services
- **Exhibit E** - Declaration Regarding Subcontractor Practices
- **Exhibit F** - Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit
- **Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)** – This document is not a form. It is a statement created by the bidder/proposer on its company letter head addressing the EBO Plan requirements.

All Contract Compliance documents (Exhibits A – F and EBO Plan) are to be placed in a **separate sealed envelope** clearly marked “Contract Compliance”. The EBO Plan must be submitted on company letterhead. These documents are considered part of and should be submitted with the Technical Proposal.

The following document **must** be completed as instructed if awarded the bid:

- **Exhibit G** - Prime Contractor's Subcontractor Utilization Report

EXHIBIT A – PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

"Know all persons by these presents, that I/WE (_____),
Name

Title Firm Name

Hereinafter "Company"), in consideration of the privilege to bid on or obtain contracts funded, in whole or in part, by Fulton County, hereby consent, covenant and agree as follows:

- 1) No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with any bid submitted to Fulton County for the performance of any resulting there from,
- 2) That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all businesses seeking to contract or otherwise interested in contracting with this Company without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of this business,
- 3) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption,
- 4) That the promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be made a part of, and incorporated by reference into, any contract or portion thereof which this Company may hereafter obtain,
- 5) That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling the Board to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights and remedies, including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and/or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract; and
- 6) That the bidder shall provide such information as may be required by the Director of Contract Compliance pursuant to Section 4.4 of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance.

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EXHIBIT B – EMPLOYMENT REPORT

The demographic employment make-up for the bidder **must** be identified and submitted with this bid/proposal. In addition, if subcontractors will be utilized by the bidder/proposer to complete this project, then the demographic employment make-up of the subcontractor(s) must be identified and submitted with this bid.

EMPLOYEES

CATEGORY	NATIVE INDIAN		AFRICAN AMERICAN		ASIAN AMERICAN		HISPANIC AMERICAN		CACUSIAN AMERICAN		OTHER	
Male/Female	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Mgmt/Official												
Professional (Arch.,P.E., etc.)												
Supervisors												
Office/ Clerical												
Craftsmen												
Laborers												
Others (Specify)												
TOTALS												

FIRM'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

This completed form is for (Check one) _____ Bidder/Proposer _____ Subcontractor

Submitted by: _____ Date Completed: _____

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

If the bidder/proposer intends to subcontract any portion of this scope of work/service(s), this form **must be** completed and **submitted with the bid/proposal**. All prime bidders/proposers **must** include Letter(s) of Intent (Exhibit D) in the bid document for all subcontractors who will be utilized under the scope of work/services.

Prime Bidder/Proposer: _____

ITB/RFP NUMBER: _____

Project Name or Description of Work/Service(s): _____

1. My firm, as Prime Bidder/Proposer on this scope of work/service(s) is _____ is not _____ a minority or female owned and controlled business. (Please indicate below the portion of work, including, percentage of bid amount that your firm will carry out directly):

If the Prime Bidder/Proposer is a Joint Venture, please complete Exhibit F: Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit and attach a copy of the executed Joint Venture Agreement.

2. Sub-Contractors (Including suppliers) to be utilized in the performance of this scope of work/service(s), if awarded, are:

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, attach copy of recent certification letter.**

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGEVALUE: _____ %

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, attach copy of recent certification letter.**

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

Total Dollar Value of Subcontractor Agreements: (\$)

Total Percentage Value: (%)

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Bid provisions, including the accompanying Exhibits and other terms and conditions regarding sub-contractor utilization. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized by the Bidder to make the statement and representation in this Exhibit and that said statements and representations are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. The undersigned understands and agrees that if any of the statements and representations are made by the Bidder knowing them to be false, or if there is a failure of the intentions, objectives and commitments set forth herein without prior approval of the County, then in any such event the Contractor's acts or failure to act, as the case may be, shall constitute a material breach of the contract, entitling the County to terminate the Contract for default. The right to so terminate shall be in addition to, and in lieu of, any other rights and remedies the County may have for other defaults under the contract.

Signature/Title:_____

Firm or Corporate Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone: ()_____

Fax Number: ()_____

Email Address:_____

**LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR
OR
PROVIDE MATERIALS OR SERVICES**

This form **must** be completed by **ALL** known subcontractors/suppliers and submitted with the bid. The Prime Contractor **must** submit Letters of Intent for ALL known subcontractors/suppliers at time of bid submission.

To: _____
(Name of Prime Contractor Firm)

From: _____
(Name of Subcontractor Firm)

ITB/RFP Number: _____

Project Name:_____

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following described work or provide materials or services in connection with the above project (specify in detail particular work items, materials, or services to be performed or provided):

[illegible]

<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> (Prime Bidder)	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> (Subcontractor)
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Signature_____Signature_____

Title _____ **Title** _____

Date _____ **Date** _____

EXHIBIT E – DECLARATION REGARDING SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICES

If the bidder/proposer **does not intend to subcontract** any portion of the scope of work services(s), this form **must be** completed and submitted with the bid.

_____ Hereby declares that it is my/our intent to
(Bidder)

Perform 100% of the work required for _____
(IFB/RFP Number)

(Description of Work)

In making this declaration, the bidder/proposer states the following:

1. That the bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform **all elements** of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces;
2. If it should become necessary to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date, the bidder will comply with all requirements of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinance in providing equal opportunities to all firms to subcontract the work. The determination to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date shall be made in good faith and the County reserves the right to require additional information to substantiate a bidder's decision to subcontract work following the award of the contract. Nothing contained in this provision shall be employed to circumvent the spirit and intent of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinances;
3. The bidder will provide, upon request, information sufficient for the County to verify Item Number one.

AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

IFB No. _____

Project Name _____

This form must be completed and submitted with the bid if a Joint Venture approach is to be undertaken.

The firms listed below do hereby declare that they have entered into a joint venture agreement pursuant to the above mentioned project. The information requested below is to clearly identify and explain the extent of participation of each firm in the proposed joint venture. All items must be properly addressed before the business entity can be evaluated.

1. Firms:

1) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

2) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

3) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

NAME OF JOINT VENTURE (If applicable): _____

OFFICE ADDRESS: _____

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

Note: Attach additional sheets as required

1. Describe the capital contributions by each joint venturer and accounting thereof. Indicate the percentage make-up for each joint venture partner.
2. Describe the financial controls of the joint venture, e.g., will a separate cost center be established? Which venturer will be responsible for keeping the books? How will the expense therefore be reimbursed? What is the authority of each joint venture to commit or obligate the order?
3. Describe any Ownership, options for Ownership, or loans between the joint ventures. Identify terms thereof.
4. Describe the estimate contract cash flow for each joint venturer.
5. To what extent and by whom will the on-site work be supervised?
6. To what extent and by whom will the administrative office be supervised?
7. Which joint venturer will be responsible for material purchases including the estimated cost thereof? How will the purchase be financed?
8. Which joint venturer will provide equipment? What is the estimated cost thereof? How will the equipment be financed?
9. Describe the experience and business qualifications of each joint venturer.
10. Submit a copy of all joint venture agreements and evidence of authority to do business in the State of Georgia as well as locally, to include all necessary business licenses.
11. Percent of ownership by each joint venture in terms of profit and loss sharing: _____

12. The authority of each joint venturer to commit or obligate the other: _____

13. Number of personnel to be involved in project, their crafts and positions and whether they are employees of the small business enterprise, the majority firm or the joint venture: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

14. Identification of control and participation in venture; list those individuals who are responsible for day-to-day management and policy decision-maker, including, but not limited to, those with prime responsibility for areas designated below; (use additional sheets if necessary)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Financial Decisions</u>	<u>Supervision Field Operation</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

In connection with any work that these firms, as a joint venture, might be authorized to perform in connection with above captioned contract, we each do hereby authorize representatives of the Fulton County Department of Contract Compliance, Departments of Purchasing and Finance, under the direction of the County Manger's Office, to examine, from time to time, the books, records and files to the extent that such relate to this County project.

WE DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE FIRMS, TO MAKE THIS AFFIDAVIT AND GRANT THE ABOVE PRIVILEGE.

FOR: _____
(Company)

Date: _____

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

(Company)

Date: _____

(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

State of _____:

County of _____:

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me, appeared

_____, the undersigned known to me to be the person described in the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledge that he (she) executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

EXHIBIT G – PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT

This report is required to be submitted by the tenth day of each month, with a copy of your payment invoice (schedule of values/payment application) to Contract Compliance. Failure to comply may result in the County commencing proceedings to impose sanctions on the successful bidder, in addition to purchasing any other available legal remedy. Sanctions may include the suspending of any payment or part thereof, termination or cancellation of the contract, and the denial to participate in any future contracts awarded by Fulton County.

REPORTING PERIOD		PROJECT NAME:	
FROM:		PROJECT NUMBER:	
TO:		PROJECT LOCATION:	

PRIME CONTRACTOR		Contract Award Date	Contract Award Amount	Change Order Amount	Contract Period	% Complete to Date
Name:						
Address:						
Telephone #:						

AMOUNT OF REQUISITION THIS PERIOD:\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUISITION TO DATE:\$ _____

SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION (add additional rows as necessary)

Name of Sub-contractor	Description of Work	Contract Amount	Amount Paid To Date	Amount Requisition This Period	Contract Period Starting Date	Ending Date
TOTALS						

Executed By: _____
(Signature)

(Printed Name)

END OF SECTION NO. 4

SECTION 5
SAMPLE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT
NATURAL GAS SERVICE PROVIDER
SAMPLE CONTRACT BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY
AND _____

THIS Contract, entered into this ____ day of _____ 2006, by and between **FULTON COUNTY** (hereinafter referred to as "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its duly elected Board of Commissioners, and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the County, through its General Services Department, has identified the need for **natural gas services** for firm natural gas accounts and interruptible account-Fulton County Jail only;

WHEREAS, the County by and through its General Services Department, has determined that this need can best be met by retaining the services of a **natural gas** provider;

WHEREAS, the County requested a formal bid for **natural gas services** for firm natural gas accounts and interruptible account-Fulton County Jail only;

WHEREAS, the County and Contractor desire to enter into a Contract for provision of such services, the scope of services, which is more specifically defined in Article III of the Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereunto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT

Paragraph 1.0 This Contract shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and be binding to the extent allowable by law on the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, administrators, executors and assigns. Contractor shall not sell or in any way assign any duties, payments, rights, privileges, detriments, or benefits provided for in this Contract to any entity or person without the prior express written consent of the County. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting by Contractor without the prior expressed written consent of Fulton County shall at Fulton County's sole option terminate this Contract without any notice to Contractor of such termination.

ARTICLE II - TERM

Paragraph 2.0 The term of this Contract shall commence on date of award and continuing for twelve (12) consecutive months without further obligation of the County other than provided herein. However, subject to availability of funding, Board of Commissioner's approval, and Contractor's continuing satisfactory performance, this Contract may be renewed for two (2) one (1) year renewal options.

ARTICLE III - SCOPE OF WORK

Paragraph 3.0 The County retains Contractor and Contractor accepts retention by the County to render **natural gas services** for firm natural gas accounts and interruptible accounts-Fulton County Jail only, as specified by Fulton County Invitation to Bid (ITB) #_____, Contractor's bid and any and all clarifications or amendments thereto, all of which are incorporated herein, made part of this Contract, and referred to collectively as the "Contract Documents". Contractor shall perform all such services, including any and all agreed upon in written amendments, in the manner and to the extent agreed to by the parties herein.

ITB #_____ is hereby attached and incorporated herein as Attachment A. Contractor's bid is hereby attached and incorporated herein as Attachment B. Contractor is to furnish all labor, equipment, transportation, material, insurance, and other requirements necessary to provide **natural gas services** for firm natural gas accounts and interruptible account-Fulton County Jail only as specified in Attachment A and B. Fulton County reserves the right to make changes pursuant to a formal change order as required by Policy & Procedure 800-6 during the term of the Contract based upon addition/deletion requirements by Fulton County.

Paragraph 3.1 Contractor shall commence providing natural gas services as stated in the Invitation to Bid (ITB #_____) and Contractor's own response to that bid (**Attachments A & B respectively**). In the event there is a conflict between the scope of work described in the Invitation to Bid and the Contractor's own bid, the description in the Invitation to Bid takes precedence. In the event that specifications in either the Invitation to Bid or the Contractor's own proposal lack detailed descriptions concerning performance, the best commercial practices in the industry shall be used and only materials of the correct type, size and design are to be used. The gas sold hereunder shall meet the gas quality requirements of the AGL tariff. All gas sold hereunder shall be delivered to the County at its designated metering points. Title and risk of loss shall pass to the County at said metering points. This will be done at no additional cost to the County.

Paragraph 3.2 Any additional services that are to be performed by Contractor and not included in the ITB or the bid response must be approved by the County in advance pursuant to change order policy and procedure 800-6 of Contractor providing services and billed at the unit rate stated in the bid response.

Paragraph 3.3 The silence of this Contract, or any of the documents incorporated into it by reference with regard to items or services typically a part of the contracted service shall not relieve Contractor of the obligation to perform.

ARTICLE IV - AUDIT

Paragraph 4.0 The County shall have the right to review Contractor's records and documents, upon reasonable notice, to determine if number of hours worked and labor charges are consistent with contract requirements. Contractor shall permit the County's Internal Audit Department to inspect and audit all files of Contractor relevant to its performance under this Contract for thirty-six (36) months after final payment. The Contractor's file shall be retained by Contractor during the term of the Contract and for thirty-six (36) months after final payment for the purpose of such audit and inspection.

Paragraph 4.1 The County's authorized representative shall have the right to review the Natural Gas services performed by the Contractor, with regard to the frequency and adequacy of services provided. For this purpose, Jim Winslett, the Energy Management Engineer will be the County's authorized representative.

Paragraph 4.2 Contractor agrees to include audit requirements specified in Section 4.0 above in any and all contracts with subcontractors, consultants, or agents whose services will be charged directly or indirectly to the County under the Contract herein.

ARTICLE V - COMPENSATION FOR SCOPE OF WORK

Paragraph 5.0 The purchase price for all gas sold under this Contract shall be as follows:

a. **Firm Natural Gas Accounts:** Fixed price for the term of Contract: Fixed price of \$_____/therm + interstate transportation charges of \$_____/DDDC. Price

includes the well head cost of fuel loss and storage fees. Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGL) plus a \$_____ customer charge.

b. **Interruptible Account-Fulton County Jail only:** Fixed price for term of Contract: Interruptible Price: NYMEX + \$_____/transportation/DT + fuel (applicable pipeline) + AGL pass through cost.

c. **Interruptible (Firm: Nov. – Mar.):** NYMEX + \$_____ Base-load transportation/DT + fuel (applicable pipeline) + AGL pass through cost.

d. The services described under “Scope of Work” herein shall be performed by the Contractor for firm natural gas accounts in the amount of \$_____ and for interruptible account-Fulton County Jail only in the amount of \$_____ for a total amount not to exceed \$_____ from date of award and continuing through for twelve (12) consecutive months. However, if the cost for the gas, due to unexpected gas usage, shall exceed \$_____, Fulton County agrees to either (1) execute an amendment to this contract for such additional amounts, (2) execute an additional agreement for such amounts, or (3) terminate this agreement. Fulton County has sole discretion to exercise any of these options.

Paragraph 5.1 Any additional services requested by the County shall be performed by the Contractor and a detailed invoice submitted which references the written agreement, which must be approved by the County pursuant to Change Order Policy 800-6 before the work is started.

Paragraph 5.2 Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for work performed during the previous calendar month to the Accounts Payable Section, General Services Department 141 Pryor Street., S.W./Suite G-119, Atlanta, Ga. 30303. No job, task, or duty may be submitted to Fulton County for payment unless the work has been completed. Any invoice which attempts to

change the terms of this Contract is null and void and Contractor shall be required to provide a proper invoice to Fulton County prior to payment.

Paragraph 5.3 Fulton County shall make payments to Contractor by U.S. mail approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice by the Fulton County General Services Department. Parties hereto expressly agree that the above contract term shall supersede the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Georgia Prompt Pay Act, O.C.G.A. 13-11-1 et seq., pursuant to 13-11-7(b), and the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Prompt Pay Act shall have no application to this contract; parties further agree that Fulton County shall not be liable for any interest or penalty arising from late payments.

Paragraph 5.4 For any renewal year the price for the Basis component of the pricing shall be increased by no more than the consumer price index (CPI) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor with particular reference to the average shown on such index for "all items" for the Atlanta metropolitan area, and further that the price for the Commodity component of the pricing shall be based upon the equivalent NYMEX pricing as that accepted for the original year, on a close date agreeable to the parties which is within thirty dates of the renewal date.

Paragraph 5.5 Failure by Contractor to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract (including incorporated bid documents) shall constitute breach of Contract and shall release Fulton County from any further requirement to compensate Contractor.

ARTICLE VI - RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY

Paragraph 6.0 **CONTRACTOR** shall indemnify and hold harmless the **COUNTY** and its agents, employees, successors, and assigns from and against all loss, cost, damage, claim, suit and judgment, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the negligent,

intentional or willful performance or non-performance of the work. **CONTRACTOR'S** duty to indemnify applies in connection with, but is not limited to, injury to death of any person or persons, loss of or damage to property caused by or in any way connected with **CONTRACTOR'S** negligent, intentional or willful performance or non-performance of the work, whether such injury, death, loss or damage results from any cause whatsoever. The **CONTRACTOR'S** duty to indemnify shall extend to all claims, damage, loss or expense caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of the **CONTRACTOR**, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. **CONTRACTOR** shall not hold harmless or indemnify the **COUNTY** for the sole acts or omissions of its employees or agents. **CONTRACTOR'S** obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth hereinabove, shall also include but is not limited to any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of produce or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. **CONTRACTOR** further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the **COUNTY** and its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employees of **CONTRACTOR**. These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, in no shall either party be liable for incidental, consequential, punitive or special damages in connection with the activities contemplated by this Contract.

ARTICLE VII – TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

Paragraph 7.0 In the event of a material breach of any term or provision of this Contract by either party hereto, which breach is not cured within 10 days of written

notice thereof given by the non-breaching party, the non-breaching party shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate this Contract by serving written notice to the breaching party of its intent to terminate the Contract. In the event this Contract is terminated, Contractor will be compensated for the work performed in accordance with this Contract up to the termination date.

ARTICLE VIII – TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Paragraph 8.0 In the event that the County determines that it is no longer in its best interest to provide these services through the use of an independent contractor, the County may terminate this Contract, without any liability whatsoever upon the County, by giving (10) days notice in writing (by hand delivery or posting in the U.S. Mail) to Contractor, stating the reasons for such termination. If the Contract is terminated by the County, Contractor will be compensated for the work performed in accordance with this Contract up to the termination date.

Paragraph 8.1 In the event that the Contractor determines that it is no longer in its best interest to provide these services, the Contractor may terminate this Contract by giving (60) days' notice in writing (by hand delivery or posting in the U.S. Mail) to the County.

Paragraph 8.2 Upon termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall immediately turn over to the County all information, reports, data, equipment, etc, in its possession, respective of whether such information, report data, equipment is in a completed form. In the event this Contract is terminated, Contractor will be compensated for the work performed in accordance with this Contract up to the termination date.

ARTICLE VIX - SUSPENSION OF WORK

Paragraph 9.0 COUNTY shall have the right to suspend immediately the Contractor's performance on an emergency basis whenever necessary in the opinion of the County, to avert a life-threatening situation or other sufficiently serious deficiency. COUNTY shall not be responsible for any claims, damages or cost stemming from any suspension of services.

ARTICLE X - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Paragraph 10.0 Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any relationship other than that of an independent contractor between the County and Contractor. Under no circumstances shall Contractor, its subcontractor, directors, officers, employees, agents, partners, successors or assigns be deemed employees, agents, partners, successors, assigns or legal representatives of the County. Contractor acknowledges that its subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns shall have no right of redress pursuant to the personnel rules and regulations of Fulton County.

ARTICLE XI - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Paragraph 11.0 All insurance certificates of Contractor shall be provided to and accepted by the County in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications of the Bid Documents.

Paragraph 11.1 Contractor acknowledges that such insurance meets all requirements under state law including solvency of surety and status of Georgia surety.

Paragraph 11.2 It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to monitor the status of the insurance company to be certain that the policies continue to be current and valid during the entire term of the contract. If a policy becomes invalid for any reason, the Contractor must provide the County with a current, valid policy within ten (10) days.

ARTICLE XII - VARIATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT

Paragraph 12.0 This Contract and the incorporated documents constitute the entire agreement between the County and Contractor and there are no further written or oral agreements with respect thereto. No variation or modification of this Contract, and no waiver of this provision, shall be valid unless in writing, comply with change order procedure 800-6 and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE XIII - NON-DISCRIMINATION

Paragraph 13.0 Contractor agrees to comply with federal and state laws, rules and regulations and the County's policy relative to non-discrimination in employment practices and to non-discrimination in client and client services practices regarding political affiliation, religion, race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin.

ARTICLE XIV - SEVERABILITY OF TERMS

Paragraph 14.0 If any part or provision of this Contract is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XV - CAPTIONS

Paragraph 15.0 The captions are inserted herein only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define limits or describe the scope of this Contract or the intent of the provision thereof.

ARTICLE XVI - NOTICES

Paragraph 16.0 Any and all notices referred under this Contract shall be sent, via certified mail, to the following individual on behalf of Fulton County:

Michael Katzin
Assistant Director,

141 Pryor Street, S.W./Suite G-119,
Atlanta, GA 30303

Building Construction
General Services Department

With copies to the Director of Fulton County General Services Department and the County Attorney.

Furthermore, any and all notices required under this Contract shall be sent via certified mail, to the following individual on behalf of the Contractor.

Contractor's Name
Contractor's Title
Company's Name

Company's
Address

ARTICLE XVII - WAIVER OF BREACH

Paragraph 17.0 The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Contract, shall not operate or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or other provision thereof.

ARTICLE XVIII - COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Paragraph 18.0 **CONTRACTOR** will undertake to provide the services described herein in cooperation with and in coordination with other studies, projects or related work performed for, with or by **COUNTY** employees or other contractors. **CONTRACTOR** shall fully cooperate with such other related consultants and **COUNTY** employees or appointed committees. As applicable, **CONTRACTOR** shall provide within his schedule or work, time and effort to coordinate with other contractors under contract with **COUNTY**. **CONTRACTOR** shall not commit or permit any act, which will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractors or by **COUNTY** employees. Notwithstanding any provision hereof the contract, no act or omission by Contract pursuant to this Paragraph 18.0 in the provision of services provided for this Contract shall constitute a breach or default by Contractor under this Contract.

ARTICLE XIX - FORCE MAJEURE

Paragraph 19.0 Neither the County nor the Contractor shall be deemed to be in breach of this Contract if either is prevented from performing its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including but not limited to, acts of God, civil or military authority, acts of public enemy, war, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, or catastrophic failure of public transportation, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve or be construed to relieve the Contractor from performing its obligations hereunder in the event of riots, rebellions, or legal strikes.

ARTICLE XX - PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

Paragraph 20.0 **CONTRACTOR** shall identify in writing a project manager who shall have sole authority to represent **CONTRACTOR** on all manners pertaining to this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** represents that it has secured or will secure, at its' own expense, all equipment and personnel necessary to complete Contractor's Services under the contract, none of whom shall be employees of or have any contractual relationship with **COUNTY**. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by **CONTRACTOR** under his supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.

ARTICLE XXI - GOVERNING LAW

Paragraph 21.0 This Contract shall be governed in all respects as to validity, construction, capacity, performance or otherwise by the laws of the State of Georgia.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this Contract.

Company's Name

Contractor's Name

Contractor's Title

(seal)

Approved as to Form:

Attest:

Office of the County Attorney

Mark Massey (seal)
Clerk to the Commission

Approved as to Content:

For Fulton County

Willie A. Hopkins, Jr., Director
General Services Department

Karen C. Handel, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

SECTION 6

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

06ITB47484YA-AA NATURAL GAS SERVICE PROVIDER

SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Marketer must have been issued a certificate of authority from the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission or PSC) to provide natural gas. There must be a representative of the vendor residing in the state of Georgia. The vendor must be a shipper on the relevant pipeline and certificated marketer and/or pooler on Atlanta Gas Light Company's System. Vendors must own or have legal agency for firm capacity on the relevant pipeline of the facility they serve. The determination of the relevant pipeline is responsibility of the vendor.
- B. QUANTITY:
- Quantity will vary from month to month and with weather conditions on all accounts. Total usage during the year 2004 on the interruptible account (Fulton County Jail) was 31,531 decatherms.
- C. QUALITY:
- The initial transporters standards for pipeline quality natural gas shall prevail, as set forth in their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved tariffs.
- D. PRICING:
1. The price for firm natural gas shall be bid to the city gate. The interruptible shall be price to the burner-tip. The vendor shall provide component prices for transportation and basis where appropriate. The commodity natural cost, terms and conditions will be the same for all vendors.
 2. The price for natural gas delivered to Fulton County shall be based on the first of the month inside FERC index price, for the relevant pipeline as published in the McGraw Hill Companies, Inc. Natural Gas Market Report. For Southern Natural Gas Company the index is posted under Louisiana, and for Transco the index is the average of the posted prices for Zone 2 and Zone 3 (pooling points).
 3. The interstate transportation shall be bid for each relevant pipeline, but may vary by month. The lowest cost for interstate transportation for facilities grouped by Transco, East Tennessee, and Southern Natural Gas Company is the preferred basis that will be used in the evaluation of bids. For firm accounts the interstate transportation will be based on lowest cost for the months of April through October with non recallable released capacity provided in the months of November through March. Interstate transportation may consist of firm and interruptible volumes. When the facility requires interstate firm transportation, the vendor will provide a separate price bid for each transportation service (firm and interruptible).

4. Pipeline fuel cost will be based on the fuel factor percentage in the FERC approved tariff for the relevant pipelines delivery area at the time of delivery. The vendor will indicate fuel cost as a separate item on the invoice. This charge will be the fuel as volume times the relevant natural gas commodity price per Million British Thermal Units (MMBTU) for which the percentage applies.
5. For NYMEX based price of natural gas, the bid basis will be applied. The bid may be positive, negative or zero. The basis will be applied to the Natural Gas-Henry Hub price confirmed from the NYMEX trading screen.
6. Local distribution charges are to be treated as one hundred percent (100%) pass through with backup documentation provided.
7. Fulton County is interested in lowest available costs for each month. All facilities (except one) are of a firm nature and no alternative fuel sources exist. Fulton County, however, wishes to benefit from interruptible prices on that account during the months of April 1 - October 31 due to the availability of space on the interruptible pipeline system while maintaining firm service during the months of November 1 - March 31.
8. **If a market rate is selected, Fulton County has the ability to lock in a fixed price at any time during the term of the contract. The fixed price will be locked in for 12 months.**
9. Current approved federal and state surcharges are to be included in the bid price. It is the responsibility of the vendor to adjust prices when there are changes in approved tariffs. State and local approved surcharges collected by the local natural gas company must be shown on their invoice

INVOICING AND PAYMENT

Invoices shall be clear and concise consolidated statements of all costs related to gas supplied during the billing period and the quantity of gas delivered.

As many facilities as practical should be consolidated in each invoice, except that any meters feeding compressors which are used for fueling CNG vehicles must be on an invoice which is separate from meters feeding building utility needs. Any unique costs, taxes, etc. which relate to using CNG as a vehicle fuel must be included in that invoice.

Vendor shall submit invoices monthly containing all necessary information for the identification of all costs for the individual locations covered by each invoice. Incomplete or improper invoices will be returned to the vendor for correction.

Invoice should be sent to the address below to expedite payment of invoices.

General Services Department
Attn: Cindy Vancott (404) 730-7276
141 Pryor Street, Suite G-119
Atlanta, GA 30303

Fulton County's goal is to pay all properly submitted invoices within thirty days of receipt by the General Services Department. Vendor agrees that if or when this goal cannot be met, no legal

action will be taken to force payment and no interest or penalty will accrue because the County has exceeded the thirty day goal."

Fulton County shall make payment to Contractor by U.S. Mail approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice by the Fulton County General Services Department. Parties hereto expressly agree that the above contract term shall supersede the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and sub-contract terms provided for under the Georgia Prompt Pay Act, O.C.G.A. 13-11-1et seq., pursuant to 13-11-7(b), and the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and sub-contract terms provided for under the Prompt Pay Act shall have no application to this contract; parties further agree that Fulton County shall not be liable for any interest or penalty arising from late payments.

The prime contractor must certify in writing that all subcontractors and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials and previous progress payments received, less any retainage by the prime contractor prior to receipt of any further progress payments. In the event the prime contractor is unable to pay subcontractors or suppliers until it has received a progress payment from Fulton County, the prime contractor shall pay all subcontractors or suppliers funds due from said progress payments within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County.

The successful vendor will comply with all lawful agreement, if any, which the said successful vendor has made with any association, union, or other entity with respect to wages, salaries and working conditions as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppages.

THE USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

The successful bidder(s) shall require each subcontractor, to the extent of the work to be performed by the subcontractor, to be bound to the Contractor by the terms of the Contract Documents, and to assume toward the Contractor all the obligations and responsibilities which the Contractor, by these Documents, assumes towards the County. Said agreement shall preserve and protect the rights of the County under the Contract Documents with respect to the work to be performed by the subcontractor so that the subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights, and shall allow to the subcontractor, unless specifically provided otherwise in the Contract agreement, the benefit of all rights, remedies, and redress against the Contractor that the Contractor by these Documents has against the County. Wherever appropriate, the Contractor shall require each subcontractor to enter into similar agreements with their subcontractors.

The Contractor shall make available to each proposed subcontractor, prior to the execution of such entities' agreement with the Contractor, copies of the Contract to which the subcontractor will be bound, and identify to the subcontractor any terms and conditions of the proposed Contract which may be at variance with the contract. Each subcontractor shall similarly make copies of such documents available to their subcontractors, who shall also be bound therein.

In the event that a subcontractor fails to perform as required according to the Contract, the Contractor, at the written direction of the County and such notice as is proper according to the Contract, shall direct and guarantee the removal or replacement of said subcontractor at no cost to the County. If desired by the County, the work which was to be performed by subcontractor shall then be removed from the subcontractor's work and shall be performed by contractor working directly for the County.

REFERENCES

Bidder(s) shall submit with bid a minimum of three (3) references (business associates) of directly related experience. The references must contain the following information:

1. Company name
2. Contact person
3. Address
4. Telephone , Fax number & E-Mail Address
5. Brief description project

BUSINESS LICENSE

Bidder(s) shall submit with quote a current business license.

BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

The special nature of the work environment and the services to be performed requires a contractor with specific experience in this type of service. The bidder must have a minimum of five (5) years experience doing this type of work. Selected bidder must obtain any and all required licenses or permits at no expense to the County and must possess them before a purchase order or contract will be issued.

NATURAL GAS PROVIDER

1. NAME OF VENDOR: _____
If a corporation, name as registered with the Secretary of State

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

WORKING CAPITAL: \$ _____

CREDIT AVAILABLE: \$ _____

ANNUAL VALUE OF CURRENT CONTRACTS, GROSS AMOUNT: \$ _____

DUN & BRADSTREET, INC. #(DUNS): _____
2. ORDERS TO BE MAILED TO: _____

FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____
3. MAKE PAYMENTS TO: _____

FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____
4. VENDORS CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ TOLL FREE PHONE: _____

FAX: _____
5. CASH DISCOUNT. IF ANY: _____% _____ DAYS
6. PAYMENT TERMS: NET THIRTY (30) DAYS

GAS ACCOUNT ADDRESSES

109 MILO FISHER ST	4001 DANFORTH RD SW
10925 Rogers circle	4055 FLAT SHOALS RD
2181 STRICKLAND RD	430 PRYOR ST SW
1116 MARTIN L KING JR DR SW	4300 HERSCHEL RD SUITE A
1135 JEFFERSON ST NW	457 FLAT SHOALS AVE SE
1145 JEFFERSON ST NW	47 CLEVELAND AVE SW
115 NORCROSS ST	4710 CAMPBELL DR
11595 MAXWELL RD	4720 OLD ALABAMA RD
120 CARNEGIE WAY NW	4842 OLD NATIONAL HWY
125 WILLIS MILL RD SW	503 PEEPLES ST SW
1250 WARSAW RD	510 TURNER AVE
141 PRYOR ST SW	515 JOHN WESLEY DOBBS DR
1480 DELOWE DR SW	2925 LAKEWOOD AVE SW
1650 NEW TOWN CIR SE	525 KING ARNOLD ST
1757 WASHINGTON RD	525 PEEPLES ST SW
1838 BANKHEAD HWY NW	5590 STONEWALL TELL RD
2024 BOULEVARD DR	5600 STONEWALL TELL RD
23 COURTLAND ST NE	4001 DANFORTH RD SW
238 CANTON ST	5601 STONEWALL TELL RD
2486 SPRING RD	60 VALLEY VIEW DR
250 SCHOOL ST	6500 VERNON WOODS DR NE
260 ACADEMY ST	673 RICE ST NW
269 BUCKHEAD AVE NE	677 FAIRBURN RD NW
2260 OLD MILTON PKY	736 Cleveland Ave
2800 SPRINGDALE RD SW	4055 FLAT SHOALS RD
2885 CHURCH ST	745 ORR ST NW
289 S MAIN ST SUITE 205	8100 RIVERBIRCH DR BLDG A
2893 LAKEWOOD AVE SW	7741 ROSWELL RD
300 EDGEWOOD AVE	1030 MARIETTA HWY
3031 I 75 S	780 MARIETTA BLVD SUITE B
3037 i-75 SOUTH	79 MILTON AVE SE
3295 NORTHSIDE PKY NW	8610 ROSWELL RD STE 680
3424 MARTIN L KING JR DR SW	8610 ROSWELL RD SUITE 660
3579 AVIATION CIR SW	895 MARIETTA BLVD NW
3641 ZIP INDUSTRIAL BLVD	11340 WOODSTOCK RD
3929 AVIATION CIR NW BLDG C	901 RICE STREET
395 MOUNT VERNON HWY NE	945 RALPH ABERNATHY BLVD SW
3952 AVIATION CIR SW	980 PONCE DE LEON AVE NE
3965 AERO DR NW SUITE 17	E BROAD ST
2924 JONESBORO RD	HERSCHEL V LEE RD
1175 JOHNSON RD NW	MAXWELL RD
1225 CAPITOL AVE SW	9090 ETCHING OVERLOOK
10205 MEDLOCK BRIDGE RD	4810 MILLER RD
10925 ROGERS CIRCLE	626 PARKWAY DR NE
11655 MAXWELL RD	95 MALONE ST
12615 BROADWELL RD	99 BUTLER ST SE
12670 ARNOLD MILL RD	SUNSET AVE NW
135 HILDERBRAND DR NE	1636 CONNALLY DR
135 JOHNSON FERRY RD NW	1105 SPALDING DR

1425 SPALDING DR	4450 GRANADA DR
15240 THOMPSON RD	806 KIRKWOOD AVE
254 JOHNSON FERRY RD NW	2605 FAIRBURN RD SW
2775 CREEL RD	425 LANGHORN ST SW
2945 BURDETT RD	5025 ROSWELL RD NE
3165 OLD ALABAMA RD	265 BOULDVARD NE
3175 BETHSAIDA RD	3201 ATLANTA IND PKY SUITE 302
4035 STONEWALL TELL RD	3699 BAKERS FERRY RD SW
4121 CASCADE RD SW	465 PHARR RD NE
4255 WILL LEE RD SW SUITE A	330 JOHNSON FERRY RD NE
431 OLD ALABAMA RD	3444 CLAIR DRIVE
4697 WIEUCA RD NE	
4701 FULTON IND BLVD SW SUITE A	
4760 FULTON IND BLVD NW	
4810 MILLER RD	
500 ABERNATHY RD NE	
5165 WELCOME RD	
5320 CAMPBELLTON RD SW	
5565 STONEWALL TELL RD	
5645 MASON RD	
5890 PLUMMER RD	
5965 BUFFINGTON RD	
6000 RIVERTOWN RD	
6005 GLENRIDGE DR NE	
6025 HEARDS RD	
6075 SANDY SPRINGS CIR NE	
6399 BUTNER RD	
6740 JOHNSON RD	
750 HICKORY FLAT RD	
9135 WILLEO RD	
1000 HOLCOMB WOODS PARK #112	
3201 ATLANTA IND PKY NW SUITE 211	
780 VISTA BLUFF DR	
5785 NORTHSIDE DR NW	
1853 JONESBORO RD SE	

Facilities may be added or deleted during the term of the contract.

BID SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The following information shall be submitted along with bid. Insufficient information on any of these items may lead to disqualification of the bidder.

1. Three (3) references in support of the qualification and experience
2. Copy of current business license
3. Bidder(s) shall submit an original and two (2) copy of bid package.

End of Specification

Remarks or Exceptions:

END OF SECTION NO. 6

SECTION 7

PRICING FORMS

(Group A): Firm Natural Gas Accounts

Fixed price for firm natural gas for an approximately one hundred and seventy-five (175) accounts for a term of twelve (12) consecutive months:

1. **Firm Account Fixed Price:** Fixed price of \$ _____/Therm + interstate transportation charges of \$ _____/DDDC. Price includes the well head cost of fuel loss and storage fees. AGL charges plus a \$ _____ customer charge.
2. Based on your bid pricing structure for firm account (item #1): What would the total cost to Fulton County for using 10,000 decatherms: \$ _____

(Group B): Interruptible Account

Fixed price for Interruptible account for the Fulton County Jail (only) for a term of twelve (12) consecutive months:

1. **Interruptible Price:** NYMEX + \$ _____ Transportation/DT + Fuel (applicable pipeline) + AGL pass through cost.
2. **Interruptible (Firm: Nov. – Mar.):** NYMEX + \$ _____ Base-load Transportation/DT + Fuel (applicable pipeline) + AGL pass through cost.
3. Based on your bid pricing structure for interruptible (item #2) (Firm: Nov-Mar): What would the total cost to Fulton County for using 10,000 decatherms: \$ _____

Section-8

PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS **Natural Gas Service Provider** (hereinafter called the "Principal") and [insert name of surety] (hereinafter called the "Surety"), are held and firmly bound unto **FULTON COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter called the "Owner") and their successors and assigns, the penal sum of [100% of contract amount], lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which the principal and the Surety bind themselves, their administrators, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has entered, or is about to enter, into a certain written contract (Contract) with the Owner, dated _____, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, for the Natural Gas Services Provider more particularly described in the Contract (herein called the "Project"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the conditions of this obligation are as follows, that if the Principal shall fully and completely perform all the undertakings, covenants, terms, conditions, warranties, and guarantees contained in the Contract, including all modifications, amendments, changes, deletions, additions, and alterations thereto that may hereafter be made, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Whenever the Principal shall be, and declared by the Owner to be, in default under the Construction-Type Contract, the Surety shall promptly remedy the default as follows:

1. Complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions; or, at the sole option of the Owner,
2. Obtain a bid or bids for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by the Surety and the Owner of the lowest responsible bidder, arrange for a contract between such bidder and Owner and make available as the work progresses (even though there should be a default or succession of defaults under the Contract or contracts of completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the cost of completion less the balance of the contract price; but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which the Surety may be liable hereunder, the penal sum set forth in the first paragraph hereof, as may be adjusted, and the Surety shall make available and pay to the Owner the funds required by this Paragraph prior to the payment of the Owner of the balance of the contract price, or any portion thereof. The term "balance of the contract price," as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor under the Contract, and any amendments thereto, less the amount paid by the Owner to the Contractor; or, at the sole option of the Owner,
3. Allow Owner to complete the work and reimburse the Owner for all reasonable costs incurred in completing the work.

In addition to performing as required in the above paragraphs, the Surety shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner from any and all losses, liability and damages, claims, judgments, liens, costs and fees of every description, including reasonable attorney's fees, litigation costs and expert witness fees, which the Owner may incur, sustain or suffer by reason of the failure or

default on the part of the Principal in the performance of any or all of the terms, provisions, and requirements of the Contract, including any and all amendments and modifications thereto, or incurred by the Owner in making good any such failure of performance on the part of the Principal.

The Surety shall commence performance of its obligations and undertakings under this Bond promptly and without delay, after written notice from the Owner to the Surety.

The Surety hereby waives notice of any and all modifications, omissions, additions, changes, alterations, extensions of time, changes in payment terms, and any other amendments in or about the Contract, and agrees that the obligations undertaken by this Bond shall not be impaired in any manner by reason of any such modifications, omissions, additions, changes, alterations, extensions of time, change in payment terms, and amendments.

The Surety hereby agrees that this Bond shall be deemed amended automatically and immediately, without formal or separate amendments hereto, upon any amendment to the Contract, so as to bind the Principal and the Surety to the full and faithful performance of the Contract as so amended or modified, and so as to increase the penal sum to the adjusted Contract Price of the Contract.

No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to or for the use of any person, entity or corporation other than the Owner and any other obligee named herein, or their executors, administrators, successors or assigns.

This Bond is intended to comply with O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-1 et seq., and shall be interpreted so; as to comply with; the minimum requirements thereof. However, in the event the express language of this Bond extends protection to; the Owner beyond that contemplated by O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-1 et seq. and O.C.G.A. Section 13-10-1, as amended, or any other statutory law applicable to this Project, then the additional protection shall be enforced in favor of the Owner, whether or not such protection is found in the applicable statutes.

